

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1013

By Bell

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Rex Moses of McMinn County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Rex Moses of McMinn County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moses was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on May 30, 1918, in the New Bethal community near Etowah, Rex Moses helped out on the family farm before eventually establishing his own; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moses later sold his farm machinery and became a dairy farmer and served as a test demonstrator farmer for the Tennessee Valley Authority; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the farming community, Rex Moses volunteered with the McMinn County 4-H program, organizing the McMinn County Soil Conservation District, serving on the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service Committee, assisting with the organization of the Southeast Tennessee Resource Conservation and Development District, and organizing dairy festivals; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moses also assisted with the organization of the Tennessee Farmers' Cooperative and the McMinn Farmers' Cooperative and rendered sterling service for eighteen years as Director of the Knoxville Milk Producers and Director and President of the Knoxville Dairy Council; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, Mr. Moses organized a community action agency through the Office for Economic Opportunity Program, standing as the Executive Director of the Hiwassee Community Council for three years and writing the grant which created the first Head Start program in the county, which he directed; and

WHEREAS, an advocate for many causes close to his heart, Rex Moses served as a member and chairman of the McMinn Committee on Aging, was a member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging under two governors, and he volunteered countless hours at the McMinn County Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moses lent his considerable leadership ability to the Governor's committee on employment of the handicapped, was a previous Director of both the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce and the Etowah Chamber of Commerce, and stood as a distinguished member of the McMinn County Commission, to which he dedicated two productive terms, beginning in 1986; and

WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments aside, Rex Moses was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moses enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of sixty-nine years, "Brownie" Odum Moses, and was the proud father of three sons; and

WHEREAS, Rex Moses leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we mourn the passing of Rex Moses, even as we honor his memory and offer our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and loved ones.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.